



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Michael D. ANDERSON et al.
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231


Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2002, Applicants hereby elect the species of Figure 1, and the anchor subspecies of Figure 5. Claims 1-15 and 22-29 read on the elected subject matter (although the weld in Claim 2 and bolts in Claim 29 are not expressly shown in these figures, and thus the Examiner may consider Claims 2 and 29 to be directed to non-elected subject matter).

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,


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